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## Washington and Summer.

A large number of cities and places which probably will never become cities are sending out invitations to the President to visit them this summer. It is natural that citizens should want for their home town the creditable advertising that comes from a visit by the President. The summer-capital business is booming, and many cities are said to be hustling for the honor of entertaining the President.

When a summer wave sweeps over or settles down upon the country and touches Washington as well as every other city with its blustering breath, the weather in the capital attracts attention.

Washington is such a summer city that it is much in the spotlight that even a change in temperature is interesting to a large number of Americans.

It is only in recent times that Presidents have found it necessary to go away from Washington in summer. This is probably because Presidents are more restless than they used to be and not because the Washington climate is changing.

Climate in the 36th degree of latitude the world around produces some hot weather in summer and cold weather in winter. Washington with its 535 miles of avenues and streets planted with maples and elms, oaks, sycamores and lindens, its expanse of parks, a green country surrounding it, and with a breadth of river over which breezes nearly always play, is an agreeable city in winter or summer. The Washingtonian may pass unscathed through summer. In Washington as elsewhere in the temperate zone men should eat and wear reasonable things and not drink too freely of ice water or even more deleterious beverages.

Before the extra session of Congress convened many political prophets were saying that adjournment would come early because of summer in Washington. On this subject The Star said editorially March 29:

"The inference in some of these writings of the desire of certain persons to get away from Washington in summer is that the Washington summer climate is bad. About 30,000 persons live in Washington all the year round, and are not thinking of moving to some other place. The number of persons choosing Washington as a place of permanent residence is increasing every year. Washington is a few minutes north of the 38th degree of north latitude, virtually the same latitude as Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Toledo, Denver and San Francisco. Its latitude is practically that of West Virginia, southern Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and northern central California. Climate is not wholly dependent upon latitude, being modified by altitude, mountains and ocean currents. Washington is within thirty miles of the Potomac, and the Blue Ridge mountains and ninety from the backbone of the Alleghenies. It is close to the Piedmont region and in a country of big hills, thick woods, broad rivers and rocky glens and runs. The health of the city is good, and there is nothing in the climate which should cause people of the temperate zone to run away from the city in summer."

People who live wholesomely and know their Washington manage to live comfortably here all the year. People will go away on vacation because vacation is a universal habit. People go away from every city to have a vacation—a rest or a trip—somewhere else.

## Beautifying Potomac Park.

Every step toward the beautification of Potomac Park is of matter of interest to all of Washington's people. Potomac Park is a pleasure ground for all the people, and one of the important elements in the park system of the capital. The Star told yesterday that the controller of the Treasury in a late decision authorizes the office of public buildings and grounds to employ a landscape architect who will administer in appropriation of \$25,000 provided for in the current sundry civil act for grading, seeding and planting Potomac Park west of the railroad embankment.

Time draws near when the work of grading and planting that part of Potomac Park east of the railroad will be begun. The progress making in raising the level of this section of the park with material dredged from the river channels is satisfactory. It has been reported that some injury has been sustained by the willow trees that border this part of the park by steel cables of the dredge. It is believed that the injury is not as serious as it may appear. These trees will sit deeper in the soil when the level-raising work is completed, and many of the cuts and abrasions will be buried under the mud. Besides, the willow, given plenty of moisture, is a hardy tree. The sloping along the south sea wall are in excellent condition.

Potomac Park is destined to be the most beautiful river park in the world, as Rock Creek Park is already the loveliest bit of hill, wood and stream scenery in any city. Potomac Park as a summer playground for the people still needs shade and shrubbery, but the park is young yet. Parks cannot be created in a day.

A popular demand for peace in Mexico has grown out of the fact that war is interfering with the bull fight.

## Reciprocity and Annexation.

A very tall annexation oak has grown out of Mr. Clark's very small acorn.

When the President first sent the trade pact with Canada to Congress, Mr. Clark, then the minority leader of the House, expressed his approval and added a word about annexation. The subject was not at all new. For years both Americans and Canadians had been discussing it, sometimes with animation and sometimes languidly. At one time quite an annexation sentiment existed in this country.

But there was no connection between the reciprocity arrangement the President had negotiated and annexation, and out for Mr. Clark's position no impor-

tance would have attached to his chance expression. It was not intended to complicate matters, although some of Mr. Clark's critics put that construction on it. They questioned the sincerity of his support of the pact.

Since Mr. Clark has become Speaker of the House and prominent in presidential speculation, and both in Canada and England is suspected of annexation purposes. Anti-pact Canadians and Englishmen hold him up as the coming American who when he "arrives" will use his official influence to convert Canada into American territory. So much has been made of the matter that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is in England for the coronation ceremonies, is discussing the bugaboo with great frankness in public.

In substance the anti-pact argument, both in Canada and England, runs like this: "If free trade is arranged in this fashion between Canada and America the program of the annexationists will be materially forwarded. The advantages will all be with the Americans, and they will improve and push them to the utmost. Improved trade relations will produce improved relations of all kinds, and presently Canada will disappear from the map. The huge trader over the border will absorb the smaller."

On the other hand it has been argued that if Canada is kept out of a market which she both covets and needs, and America out of one which she can improve to her advantage, will not impatience with the barriers increase to the point where the people on both sides of the line will favor leveling all barriers? In other words, are not the enemies of reciprocity working indirectly for annexation? By continuing trade relations of a restrictive character beyond the time for their proper application, will not restrictions of all kinds in the end be swept away?

Those who are fighting for the preservation of the principle of protection in this country are in danger only in the abuse of the principle. Where it is still needed they want it continued. Where it has done its work, and is now an undeserved gratuity, they want it removed. Their fear is that unless the distinction between the two is maintained, the whole principle will set up, and for a time great injury to the country will follow. They do not want barriers used to create a prejudice which in the end will sweep all barriers away.

## Change of Date.

The chairman of the national committee on the change of inauguration day, Henry R. F. Macfarland, has addressed an argument to the chairman of the Senate committee of the judiciary in behalf of a favorable report on the resolution of Senator Gallinger providing for a change of inauguration date to the last Thursday in April.

It is well to push this matter of change of date. Everybody, or nearly everybody, favors it, and everybody takes it for granted that because of this fact the resolution will prevail. People throughout the country have for many years been asking that inauguration date be changed to a pleasanter season, and they take it for granted that, so often having expressed themselves on this subject, their views are well known in Congress. This is probable, but in many other things, it is never safe to take too much for granted.

The chairman of the national committee points out that the committee has been advocating the change of date since its organization in 1901, "after the disastrous weather of the inauguration day of that year." It is also pointed out that the national committee is composed of the governors of states and territories while in office and of twenty-one residents of the District of Columbia who have been members of the inaugural committees of 1901, 1905 and 1909, and are especially familiar with the difficulties and dangers incident to the continuance of the 4th of March as inauguration day.

The argument presented to the chairman of the Senate judiciary committee gives cogently the reasons for the desired change. It says:

"The chief reason for the change is that the weather on the 4th of March is usually inclement, and generally favorable the last week in April, as shown by the records of the weather bureau. For that reason the inauguration day has been brought death and disease to many of those in official life and in private station who have taken part in the ceremonies or witnessed them. On the President of the United States, William Henry Harrison, has died as a result of exposure to the dangerous weather on inauguration day. It ought not to take the death of another President of the United States to bring about the change. In recent years Senator Platt of Connecticut, directly, Senator Platt of Connecticut, less directly, an ambassador of Mexico, Mr. Aspiras, and Judge Weldon of the United States Court of Claims are among the prominent men who owe their lives to the inclement weather of inauguration day. Besides these hundreds have died and thousands have been subjected to disease from this cause."

At this time, with the Henry resolution in the House and the Gallinger resolution in the Senate, both pending, there should be no shuffling up in the efforts of the President in securing the required constitutional amendment which would change inauguration day from early in March to late in April.

It is not clear whether Mr. Roosevelt objects to mention of the presidential duty in the theory that it is too late or too early for such a discussion.

The Standard Oil Company diplomatically refrains from any remarks that might be construed as criticizing the country's judiciary system.

A number of good Americans will miss their local Fourth of July celebrations this year in order to be on hand at the coronation of King George.

The sentiment in Tammany favoring Woodrow Wilson of Princeton may be due to the theory that the Tigers ought to stand together.

Seventeen-year locusts are not in reality as dangerous as the period of drought that the farmer has to fight every summer.

## The Clark Boom.

The tribute Senator Taylor has paid Mr. Clark as a person of great quantity is as timely as handsome. It will serve to answer those anti-Clark men who have been saying that the Clark boom in Congress seemed to be in the hands of republicans, reference being to remarks Minority Leader of the House Mann has made in praise of the Speaker, and to the fact that much good feeling generally exists among the House republicans toward the Missouri leader.

All that Mr. Mann has said and all that his fellow republicans feel respecting Mr. Clark may be taken as sincere. Antagonisms in the House rarely go beyond the immediate business in hand there. Some warm friendships exist between men whom the broad center aisle divides. Fifteen years ago when Speaker Reed was a candidate for his party's presidential nomination some of the most prominent democrats in the House wished him success. They had six years before fought him fiercely, and even angrily, over the matter of the new rules; but esteeming him a man of brains, and knowing that he was a man of the highest character, they were now hoping to

see him rewarded according to their appreciation of his deserts. They became in their way Reed boomers.

Likewise when Speaker Cannon was under consideration for the nomination which went to Mr. Taft many democratic members of the House "pulled" for him. They criticized what they termed his car-like performances in the chair, but admired the man and thought him big enough for the White House. They wanted to see him go there if a republican was to succeed Mr. Roosevelt.

Now comes Mr. Clark's turn, and the republicans are paying him the compliment that the democrats paid Mr. Reed and Mr. Cannon. They like the man and admire his capacity for business, and it is on the cards for a democrat to succeed Mr. Taft as President—though they hope not—he is the one they want to see rewarded.

Senator Taylor has given the Clark democrats in both houses of Congress a cue. There are many of them, and they might well speak out. Both the Wilson men and the Harmon men in Congress and out are vocal. Boomers are getting busy and noisy all over the country. The activity may not keep up at the present thundering pace, but while it does the Clark boomers should be heard from.

In the Speaker's case something will depend on the ability of the democrats of the House, now that they appear to have gotten together, to stay together. If the record continues to show harmony on the roll calls, it will be much to the good for the Clark boom. But, on the other hand, if divisions appear, on the tariff and other questions, and the majority halts, or gives way, under republican hammerings, the Clark boom will necessarily be injured. So far, however, Mr. Clark has handled matters very well in office, and with so much in prospect is not the man to relax energy or underestimate the value of a great opportunity.

Mr. Stimson's appointment to be Secretary of War probably makes the "old guard" of New York thankful that it is not a real military organization.

The Philadelphia physician who says that yawning promotes health ought to insist on having leave-to-print speeches actually delivered.

Every now and then a rainbow chaser catches up to the object of his pursuit only to realize that it is entirely impracticable.

Something in the nature of an armistice appears to have been declared by Postmaster General Hitchcock and the magazines.

In addition to other charges against the tobacco trust it may be suggested that the pictures it circulates are not high art.

The City of Mexico is not disposed to be envious of the precedence Juarez has assumed in the news dispatches.

A campaign of mosquito extermination has been in progress for many years, but there are still a few survivors.

Regardless of the weather, Queen Mary may be depended on to bar the shirt waist from the coronation.

The Anti-Cigarette League will never consent to recognize the tobacco business as one of the good trusts.

Occasionally the discussion of a "recall" results merely in a call-down.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

## A Sign.

"Women will one day be recognized as greater artists and musicians than men," said Mrs. Barling-Banners.

"I shouldn't be surprised," replied her husband. "Given now it comes more natural to them to wear their hair long."

## A Concession.

"Great operatic artists do most of their singing in Italian."

"Yes. But they do most of their counting in American money."

## Squanderers.

Philosophers have been, they say, for ages impetuous elves. They gave their good advice away instead of taking it themselves.

## A Professional Protest.

"My title ought to be worth at least half a million to some American heiress," said Lord Luvvus.

"Isn't it a shame," exclaimed the customs official, "that anything as valuable as a title should be permitted to come into this country without paying duty?"

## A Comparison.

"A horse is man's truest friend," said the lever of an auto.

"He's more like a relation than a friend," replied Farmer Cornsossel. "He makes me think of my boy Josh; allus ready to eat an' liable to kick if you put him to work."

## Practical Admission.

Be gentle and kind  
To creatures you meet  
And life, you will find,  
Is more placidly sweet.

Be kind to the mule,  
And he'll plod day by day;  
At least, as a rule,  
Keep some distance away.

Be kind to the bee;  
To the wasp be polite,  
And do not make free  
With the hornet in flight.

If thus you forbear  
Humble creatures to fret,  
Yourself you will spare  
Many hours of regret.

## Uses of Fifth Avenue Clubs.

Rabbi Wise defines the qualifications for admission to certain 5th avenue clubs as "a capacity for unlimited kindness and for almost unlimited strong drink."

The remark implies, of course, that in fact, constitutes an endorsement of the club as serving a useful purpose in the scheme of society. Men with these attributes must have some plan of what better plan than to segregate them where they can idle and indulge their propensities undisturbed and without interference with club members less bibulously inclined? The arrangement is decidedly preferable to distributing them among clubs not so exacting in membership qualifications to the kind, where their example might prove corrupting. Nobody is obliged to join a 5th avenue club, and as it is, men whose capacity is below 5th avenue standards can keep away.

## Bad Time for Company.

From the Detroit Free Press.  
Empress William is visiting King George in London, and this, too, when Queen Mary has a house full of dressmakers getting ready for the coronation.

## Best Ones Escape.

From the Detroit Free Press.  
Tyout stories, however, are much more plentiful than trout dinners.

Pongee Linen Suits  
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The very mention of linen attracts many this season, for it is surely a linen season.

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